

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-15, 18-21, 23-27, 30-33, and 35-39 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 9, 11, 13, 18, 21, 23, 25, 30, 33, 35, and 39 are amended. Claims 4, 5, 10, 16, 17, 22, 28, 29, and 34 are canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

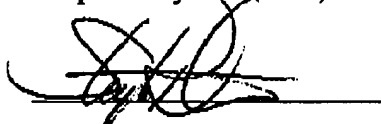
The Office Action has stated that claims 7, 8, 10, 12, 19, 20, 22, 24, 31, 32, 34, and 36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, independent claims 1, 13, and 25 are amended to incorporate subject matter previously presented in claims 10, 22, and 34, respectively. It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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